Christians and their institutions have increased to some extent. As per available information, incidents and persons killed/injured during the period 1998 upto June, 2000 are at Annexure [*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 3]

(c) Reports have been obtained from the State Government in cases of major incidents. With regard to the series of bomb blasts in church premises in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa, the involvement of activists of an organization called the Deendar Anjuman has been established. Cases have been registered under relevant provisions of law by the concerned States.

(d) As per the provisions of the VII Scheduled, List II - State List of the Constitution of India, law and order is a State subject. However, the Central Government shares intelligence inputs and sends advisories and alert messages to the States from time to time. Revised guidelines for the promotion of communal harmony have been issued in October, 1997. A high level meeting was convened on 4.7.2000 to review the situation.

Economic Reforms in Power Sector

*54. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of economic reforms that have been introduced in the power sector;

(b) the details of the estimated commercial losses of State Electricity Boards in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000, till date;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the functioning of State Electricity Boards so as to eliminate their losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The Government of India introduced economic reforms in the Power Sector from the year 1991 thereby opening up Private Sector participation to pave the way for inflow of private capital. The Electricity Laws (Amendment) Act, 1998 was passed for giving independent status to the transmission activity and the concept of Central and State transmission utilities have been introduced. The guidelines for private participation in transmission through Independent Private Transmission Company (IPTC) for joint venture partner have also been issued.

In order to promote power projects with large installed capacity supplying power to more than one state, a revised Mega Power Reform Policy was announced in November, 1998. Power Trading Corporation has been incorporated, for the purpose of buying power from Mega Power Projects under long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and selling the power to the beneficiary states under long-term PPAs.

2. Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998 was passed for setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) in State/UTs and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) at national level for rationalisation of tariffs, and transparent implementation of policies regarding subsidies, promotion of efficiency, economy and competition.

3. The States of Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have unbundled/corporatised their SEBs, in accordance with their State Reform Acts. Distribution in Orissa has been fully privatised. States of Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have either constituted or notified the constitution of SERC.

4. The details of estimated commercial losses of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given in a Statement annexed. The Government of India has taken steps from time to time to improve the functioning of the SEBs. In this regard, Chief Ministers'/Power Ministers' Conferences were organised in December, 1996 and 1998 and in February, 2000. The decisions taken in these Conferences *inter-alia* included setting up of independent Electricity Regulatory Commission in each State/UT and at national level for rationalisation of tariffs, corporatisation and commercialisation of generation, transmission and distribution, energy audit at all level, time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001, reduction and finally elimination of power theft within the specific time frame and strengthening/upgradation of sub transmission and distribution by taking sub-station as an unit on a priority basis. If it appears unattainable in the existing set up, corporatisation/cooperatisation/privatisation of distribution, world have to be undertaken. The Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with States of Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, to expedite reforms.

Statement

Commercial profit/loss of SEBs
(with subsidy)-1

(Rs. in Crore)

SEBs	1992-93 Actual	1993-94 Actual	1994-95 Actual	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Actual	1997-98 (Provi)	1998-99 (RE)	1999-2000 (AP)
1. Andhra Pradesh	-4	-23	-37	4	-89	-1376	-2263	-2703
2. Assam	-205	-197	-255	-261	-225	-411	-305	-336
3. Bihar	-280	-190	-189	-211	442	496	514	548
4. Delhi (DVB)	-207	-NA	NA	-578	-626	-760	-961	-794
5. Gujarat	100	92	106	108	110	119	-890	-893
6. Haryana	-368	-447	-13	46	7	-32	-168	-90
7. Himachal Pradesh	2	-51	91	11	17	10	-33	-4
8. Jammu & Kashmir	-225	-293	-347	-363	-507	-662	-643	-347
9. Karnataka	32	34	43	51	54	58	67	77
10. Kerala	-65	-75	-120	-130	-176	-199	-162	-451
11. Madhya Pradesh	-113	38	-80	-8	-163	-695	-1006	-1655
12. Maharashtra	162	189	276	222	166	295	115	214
13. Meghalaya	-2	4	-14	-12	166	295	115	214
14. Orissa	26	30	25	27	-333	-263	-378	-148
15. Punjab	-626	-693	-681	-644	-606	-979	-1381	-1223
16. Rajasthan	22	10	77	81	292	305	-577	-882
17. Tamil Nadu	92	226	348	339	330	252	-635	-459
18. Uttar Pradesh	-808	-1202	85	381	-1821	-1853	-1991	-2142
19. West Bengal	-258	-158	-242	-240	-332	-402	-631	-608
TOTAL	-2725	-2706	-998	-1178	-3294	-5803	-11217	-11682

Source: Planning Commission Document

Commercial profit/loss of SEBS

(without subsidy)

(Rs. in crore)

SEBs	1992-93 Actual	1993-94 Acutal	1994-95 Actual	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Actual	1997-98 Provi.	1998-99 (RE)	1999-2000 (AP)
1. Andhra Pradesh	-4	-23	-981	-1225	-939	-1378	-2263	-2703
2. Assam	-205	-197	-255	-261	-225	-411	-306	-336
3. Bihar	-280	-190	-189	-211	442	496	514	548
4. Delhi(DVB)	-207	-	0	-578	-626	-760	-961	-794
5. Gujarat	-519	-493	-550	-1003	-1069	-1274	-1440	-1498
6. Haryana	-404	-507	-468	-554	-625	-765	-532	-502
7. Himachal Pradesh	2	-51	19	11	17	10	-33	-4
8. Jammu & Kashmir	-225	-293	-347	-363	-507	-662	-643	-347
9. Karnataka	-19	-2	-164	-502	-652	-331	-604	-365
10. Kerala	-65	-75	-129	-183	-208	-199	-162	-451
11. Madhya Pradesh	-493	-377	-594	-602	-464	-941	-1288	-1966
12. Maharashtra	162	189	276	-408	-92	-11	115	214
13. Meghalaya	-8	-3	-21	-20	158	286	105	204
14. Orissa	-85	-196	-136	-231	-344	-287	-405	-186
15. Punjab	-626	-693	-681	-644	-606	-979	-1381	-1223
16. Rajasthan	-260	-415	-412	-430	-269	-386	-577	-882
17. Tamil Nadu	-258	-302	-2	-77	-257	-318	-885	-709
18. Uttar Pradesh	-808	-1202	-1152	-1136	-1821	-1853	-1991	-2142
19. West Bengal	-258	-231	-339	-332	-387	-492	-692	-675
Total	-4560	-5060	-6125	-8770	-8474	-10253	-13431	-13817

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